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LETTER OF TRANSMISSION

To His Excellency,
J. C. B. EHRINGHAUS,
Governor of North Carolina.

SIR:—In compliance with Chapter 714 of the Public Laws of 1907, I have the honor to submit herewith for your Excellency's consideration the Biennial Report of the North Carolina Historical Commission for July 1, 1934-June 30, 1936.

Respectfully,

M. C. S. NOBLE,
Chairman.

RALEIGH, N. C., July 1, 1936.

BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
OF THE
North Carolina Historical Commission
JULY 1, 1934, TO JUNE 30, 1936

To M. C. S. NOBLE, *Chairman,* and HERIOT CLARKSON, J. ALLAN DUNN, GEORGE MCNEILL, and WILLIAM K. BOYD, *Commissioners:*

I have the honor to submit the following report of the North Carolina Historical Commission for the period, July 1, 1934-June 30, 1936:

ORGANIZATION

I. THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION.

On May 10, 1935, Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus reappointed Heriot Clarkson for the term April 1, 1935-March 31, 1941; and appointed George McNeill to succeed Nell Battle Lewis for the term April 1, 1935-March 31, 1941, J. Allan Dunn to succeed Mrs. Thomas O'Berry for the term April 1, 1933-March 31, 1939, and Joseph Moore McConnell to succeed R. D. W. Connor for the remainder of his term ending March 31, 1937.

Joseph Moore McConnell, having served as a member of the Commission for only six days, died at his home in Davidson on May 16, 1935. The following tribute was ordered by the Commission to be included in the Sixteenth Biennial Report:

On May 10, 1935, Governor Ehringhaus made a happy selection in appointing Dr. Joseph Moore McConnell a member of the North Carolina Historical Commission to succeed Dr. R. D. W. Connor, resigned.

Dr. McConnell, head of the History Department of Davidson College, President of the Building and Loan Association of his town, member of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Davidson, and a member of many literary and scientific societies, possessed to a high degree a happy blending of ripe scholarship in the field of history with sound practical judgment as a business man. This was shown in the gentle but firm manner in which he conducted himself at the first and only meeting of the Commission he ever attended. This meeting was held on May 14, 1935, and soon after he was called away from participating in earthly affairs.

The Historical Commission wishes to place on record this slight token to the memory of a historian, a man of judgment, and a gentleman.

On November 13 Governor Ehringhaus appointed William K. Boyd to fill the unexpired term of J. M. McConnell, ending March 31, 1937.

II. THE OFFICE FORCE.

Secretary—A. R. Newsome, July 1, 1934-June 30, 1935; C. C. Crittenden, July 1, 1935-June 30, 1936. The Historical Commission at a meeting on May 14, 1935, accepted with regrets Dr. Newsome's resignation, effective June 30, 1935, to become a professor of American history and head of the Department of History in the University of North Carolina. The Commission thereupon elected as Secretary, effective July 1, 1935, Dr. Crittenden, assistant professor of history in the University of North Carolina.

Collector for the Hall of History—Fred A. Olds, July 1-31, 1934; Joseph C. Sitterson, October 1, 1934-August 31, 1935; Mattie Erma Edwards, September 1, 1935-February 9, 1936; Marybelle Delamar (Acting Collector), February 10-June 30, 1936. (For further details, see below, p. 21.)

Chief Library Assistant—D. L. Corbitt.

Restorer of Manuscripts—Mrs. J. M. Winfree.

Senior Stenographer-Clerk—Sophie D. Busbee.

Senior Library Assistant—Mrs. W. S. West.

Manuscript Copyist—Mrs. J. C. Meconnahey.

Temporary Copyists—Olive Bennett, May 5-9, 1936; Mrs. Ruby Townsend, May 13-June 30, 1936.

ACCESSIONS

Due to lack of space it has been impossible to accession and catalog all the manuscripts collected during the biennium, so that the list which follows is incomplete:

I. ADDITIONS TO COLLECTIONS.

1. *Personal Papers:*

The Alexander Boyd Andrews Papers. 2 letters, 1 from William M. Marks, Jr., and 1 from J. M. Morehead, to Mr. Andrews, both dated 1934. 1 letter, H. A. Page, Sr., to Mr. Andrews, 1936. Given by Mr. A. B. Andrews, Raleigh.

"An Incident of a Grand Prelate." Given by M. R. Dunnagan, Raleigh.

Jefferson Davis Papers. Copy of letter from Davis to Wharton Greene, James C. McRae, and others, 1889. Given by Mrs. John Huske Anderson, Raleigh. 2 letters, 1887, 1888.

C. B. Heller Collection. 91 miscellaneous papers, 1795-1891, and undated. Consisting of letters, wills, deeds, etc. 1 map: "Richardson's New Map of the State of Texas, 1867." Given by C. B. Heller, Salisbury.

Stephen D. Ramseur Papers. 2 addresses, 1920; 1 pamphlet; 1 note. Given by Mrs. F. H. Whitaker, Davidson.

Richard D. White Collection. John H. McAden Papers. 278 letters and accounts; 34 leaflets, broadsides, and pamphlets; 43 envelopes. Given by Richard D. White, Baltimore, Maryland.

General James Johnston Pettigrew Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Papers, 1919-1930. 4 volumes of records. Miscellaneous papers such as letters, deed, programs, pamphlets, and minute books. Loaned by Mrs. Alfred Williams, Raleigh.

Virgil Lusk Papers. 1 typewritten statement, "Who Was to Blame?" by V. S. Lusk. Given by Chas A. Webb, Asheville, through George W. McCoy, Asheville.

Ladies' Memorial Association of Wake County Papers. Record books, "List of the Original Statements—The Arlington Dead"; "Roster of Soldiers Buried in the Confederate Cemetery, Raleigh, N. C.," 2 volumes; 2 minute books, 3 membership books, 1 collection book, 1 package of notes, 11 addresses, 1 map of the Confederate cemetery, 1 copy of Constitution of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association, 1 deed, 1 box of reports, letters and newspaper clippings; 13 pamphlets. Loaned by Mrs. Alfred Williams, Raleigh.

Samuel Wheeler Worthington Collection. 14 manuscripts: A sketch of Lafayette, 1841; 2 special orders, 1864; 13 letters. Given by Samuel Wheeler Worthington, Wilson.

Crabtree Jones Collection. 2 kodak pictures of "Crabtree," homeplace of the Kimbrough Joneses, newspaper articles regarding the home, built in 1795; 3 letters, 21 deeds, receipts, 1796-1860; part of an account book of Nathaniel Jones and Company, 1791-1793; Plan of Raleigh, 1792, and an addition, 1891, and newspaper clipping; "Some Additions and Corrections in Jones Genealogical Data," made in 1934-1935, typewritten; 3 copies of a sheet of *The News and Observer*, September 27, 1915, containing death notice of Kimbrough Jones, Sr. Loaned by Mrs. Kimbrough Jones, Raleigh.

William Gaston Papers. Tenth Anniversary of Diocese of North Carolina: Centennial of Gaston's Historic Speech as published in *The Bulletin*, Augusta, Georgia, December 22, 1935, the official organ of the Catholic Layman's Association of Georgia. Given by H. M. London, Raleigh.

General James Johnston Pettigrew Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Papers. 4 volumes of records: 1 History of the North Carolina Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy 1795-1934, and 3 minute books; charter dated December 11, 1896. Loaned by Mrs. Alfred Williams, Raleigh.

Thomas Bragg Papers. Pardon to Thomas Bragg, signed by Andrew Johnston, October 7, 1865. Given by Miss Nellie Heartt, Raleigh.

2. *County Records:*

Cabarrus. Abstracts of marriage bonds, 1792-1825, 1 volume typewritten. Given by The Genealogical Society of Utah, Salt Lake City.

Caswell. 1 marriage bond. Given by Mrs. Virgil Idol, Raleigh.

Edgecombe. 1 marriage bond, 1799. Given by Wilson County Committee, Colonial Dames of America.

Pasquotank. Abstracts of marriage bonds, 1770-1825, 1 volume, typewritten. Given by The Genealogical Society of Utah, Salt Lake City.

Richmond. County court minutes, 1793-1797. Loaned by the Clerk of the Court.

Transylvania. (See law of 1935.) Registration books, 17 volumes. Given by Otto Alexander, Clerk of the Court.

Tryon. 7 wills, 1765-1779. Given by Clarence Griffin, Forest City.

Wake. Sheriff's settlement, 1819. Given by J. M. Templeton, Cary.

3. *Executive Records:*

20 letters, etc., 1925-1926, during McLean's administration. Given by the Governor's Office.

4. *Newspapers:*

A. E. F. University News (Beaune, Cote-d'Or, France: Published under the auspices of the College of Journalism). Given by George M. Weston, Swan Quarter.

Durham Globe (Durham: R. H. Cowan, editor and publisher). 1895—July 11, 18, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, September 5, October 3, 17, November 21; 1896—January 16, 30, February 13, 20, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 23, 30, May 14, 28, June 4. Given by Miss Ida Cowan, Durham.

New York Herald (New York: James Gordon Bennett, editor). 1865—April 15. Contains news of Lincoln's assassination. Loaned by H. T. Durham, Raleigh.

The same—another copy. Loaned by W. O. Wooten, Kinston.

Raleigh Christian Advocate (Raleigh: Wm. S. Black and Fred L. Reid, editors). 1881—January 26. Given by W. K. Hoyt, Winston-Salem.

Rutherford Star (Rutherfordton: J. B. Carpenter and R. W. Logan, editors and proprietors). 1870—August 19; 1871—January 23. Given by Clarence Griffin, Forest City.

Twin-City Sentinel (Winston-Salem: Owen Moon, publisher; Santford Martin, editor). 1935—May 4, 2 copies. Given by W. K. Hoyt, Winston-Salem.

Zion's Landmark (Wilson: L. I. Bodenhamer, editor). 1870—November 1; 1871—January 1. Given by Mrs. Lillian D. Wooten, Goldsboro.

19 newspapers given by Miss Sybil Hyatt, Kinston:

American Farmer, 1850—December—pp. 191-218—mutilated.

Brother Jonathan (New York: Published by Benj. H. Day).

Carolina Cultivator [1856], pages 243-254—mutilated.

Christian Advocate and Journal (New York: J. P. Durbin and T. Merritt, editors). 1833—September 27; 1835—August 21; 1843—May 25.

Clinton Independent (Clinton: Edgar L. Perkins, editor and proprietor). 1858—February 2.

Godey's Lady's Book and Magazine (Philadelphia). 1859—June—mutilated.

Great Falls Weekly Journal (Somersworth, N. H.: W. K. Wentworth, publisher). 1855—March 22.

Kinston Daily News (Kinston: Chester A. Walsh, manager). 1918—July 27.

Liberty Boy of '76 (New York). 1901—March 8—mutilated.

Ludington Daily Sun (Ludington, Mich.: G. S. Luce, publisher). 1905—April 8.

North Carolina Christian Advocate (Raleigh: Rufus F. Heflin, editor). 1856—November 7; 1858—February 4; 1859—September 29; 1863—September 23, December 2; 1865—April 30, May 7, September 2, 9—pages 1 and 2 only.

Official Bulletin (Raleigh: The Official Bulletin for North Carolina of the United States Food Administration). 1918—June 1.

Planter's Family Recipe and Medical Almanac, for the Year of our Lord 1859. Mutilated.

Richmond Christian Advocate (Richmond, Va.: Leroy M. Lee, editor). 1852—February 26; 1855—December 20; 1857—August 6; 1861—April 25; 1863—January 15, pp. 1 and 2 only, February 5, pp. 1 and 2, March 5, pp. 1 and 2.

Spirit of the Age (Raleigh: Alexander M. Gorman, editor and proprietor). 1851—February 7; 1852—January 21, March 31, July 14, October 6; 1856—March 5, May 21, September 17; 1859—April 20.

Temperance Banner (Penfield, Ga.: Published by Benj. Brantley). 1857—October 15.

Times (Greensboro: C. C. Cole and J. W. Albright, editors). 1858—August 28, December 11; 1859—June 11, part missing.

Weekly Message (Greensboro: Frances M. Bumpass, editor and proprietor). 1855—July 19; 1856—April 10; 1857—January 27, February [19], 20, 26; 1858—December 25; 1861—July 20, 27.

Wilson and Co.'s Weekly Dispatch (New York: Wilson & Company, publishers). 1859—February 5, April 2, 9, July 23.

5. *Civil War:*

Manuscript Booklet. Forrest-Ehrhart Civil War Booklet. Given by Miss Lillian Forrest, Jewell, Kansas.

Correspondence of Francis Christian Clewell, 1842-1867. During war between the states. Typewritten volume. Loaned by Mrs. H. J. Howell, Wilmington.

List of North Carolina Confederate soldiers buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Also kodak picture of wagon used in conveying John Brown to and from his execution, 1859. Given by Sam M. Hendricks, Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

List of names and records of Confederate officers at Johnson's Island, 1864. Given by Mrs. Daisy Weld, The Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, Ohio.

6. *Spanish-American War:*

A Commission of appointment . . . to Hiram L. Grant, 1898. Given by Clayton Grant, Wilmington.

7. *World War:*

Base Hospital No. 65 Records. Memory book prepared by Miss Odessa Chambers while with Base Hospital No. 65; photographs of Asheville group, and Base Hospital No. 65 nurses taken in New York; various kodak pictures; manuscript of an address made in 1935 by Miss Chambers. Given by Miss Odessa Chambers, Asheville.

Base Hospital No. 65 Records. A scrap book filled with kodak pictures, orders and programs, mementoes of service in France. Given by Mrs. T. C. Whiting, Route 2, Asheville.

8. *Spanish Records:*

Calendar of part of Spanish documents in North Carolina Historical Commission archives. Prepared and given by H. C. Gregory, Cumberland, Maryland.

9. *Maps:*

"A Map of New England, New York, New Jersey and Pensilvania [*sic*], by H. Moll Geographer. . . . 1730." 13¼ x 13⅞ inches. Scale, 1 inch to approximately 24 miles. Photostat of printed map.

"A Map of the Province of Carolina Divided into Parishes &c. according to the latest accounts 1730. By H. Moll Geographer." Inset—"A Map of Ye Most Improved Part of Carolina." 14 x 15⅛ inches. Scale, 1 inch to 30 miles. Photostat of printed map. Given by A. B. Andrews, Raleigh.

"Map of North Carolina by James Wimble, 1738. To His Grace Thomas Hollis Pelham Duke of New Castle. . . ." Photostat of printed map. Given by Carolina Blue Printers, Raleigh.

"A Pictorial History of Cabarrus County North Carolina during Colonial and Early American Times," drawn by A. G. Odell, Jr. 17⅞ x 21⅝ inches. Given by Mrs. C. A. Cannon, Concord.

"Western North Carolina Railroad — Mountain Division. From surveys made, 1881 under direction of Major J. W. Wilson, Chief Engineer, by H. Eaton Coleman, Assistant Engineer, drawn by H. Eaton Coleman." 13¼ x 9½ inches. Scale, 2 inches to ¾ mile. Printed. Given by Mrs. John W. Labouisse, Charlotte, and Miss Isabella M. Cameron, Raleigh.

"An Historical and Geographical Map of the State of North Carolina 'Old North State.'" 13 3/16 x 22 3/16 inches. Copyrighted 1934 by Karl Smith, Louisville, Kentucky. Printed. Given by Lewis and Hall, Investment Securities, Greensboro.

"Carte de la Louisiane et du Cours Du Mississipi Dressee sur un grand nombre de Memoures entrau.tres Sur ceux de M. le Maure Par Guill. Desille de l'Academie R. des Scien" 1718, by (M. De Lisle). (Shows route of De Soto 1539-40). 16½ x 21⅛ inches. Scale, 1 inch to 35 French leagues. Photostat of printed map.

"Mocksville Enterprise Map of Davie County, North Carolina. By J. M. Furr, Jr., Surveyor, Albemarle, N. C. 1936. . . ." Printed. Given by Miss Adelaide L. Fries, Winston-Salem.

"Topographic Map Great Smoky Mountain National Park Tennessee and North Carolina. (East Half)." Department of Interior, U. S. Geological Survey. Edition of 1934. 26 x 29½ inches. Scale, 1 inch to 1 mile. Printed. Purchased by North Carolina Historical Commission.

"Map of Raleigh, Department of Public Works, Revised, January, 1928." 25¾ x 24¾ inches. Scale, 1 inch to approximately 1,100 feet. Printed. Given by Department of Public Works, Raleigh.

"South Part of Virginia now the North Part of Carolina [second line added at later date]." Photostat of manuscript map drawn by Nicholas Comberford, 1657. Original in New York Public Library. Purchased from Carolina Blue Printers, Raleigh, through courtesy of Dr. W. P. Cumming, Davidson.

British Museum Additional Manuscripts 5415. G-6. A large colored chart of "Albemarle River," drawn by W. Hack, about 1684. Scale, 4½ miles to 1 inch. On vellum. Size: 2 ft. x 18 in. Photostat, size 8½ x 11 in., of manuscript map. Purchased from Carolina Blue Printers, Raleigh.

"Carolana." Photostat of original MS. in John Farrer's copy of Edward Williams VIRGO TRIUMPHANS, London, 1650. This MS. is the original (with striking differences) of the map entitled "Virginia discovered to Ye hills" usually found in Williams book. The printed map itself is in two forms (cf. Winsor, *Narrative and Critical History*, III, pp. 168A, 464-5). Photostat. Purchased from Carolina Blue Printers, Raleigh.

10. *Genealogical:*

Copy of will of John Parrott, 1791, Dobbs County. Typewritten. Given by Mrs. Leon Anderson, Halifax.

Bulletins of the Aydelott Family Association. Mimeographed (1936). Given by George Carl Aydelott, New York City.

Record of Wills in Nichols County, Kentucky, and McDonough County, Illinois. Mimeographed (1936). Given by Miss Annie Walker Burns, Seat Pleasant, Maryland.

The Scottish Highlander Carmichaels of the Carolinas. (Richmond: Whittet & Shepperson. 1935.) Compiled, published, and given (1935) by Major General Roderick L. Carmichael, Washington, D. C.

1 typewritten sheet of birth and death records. Given by Mrs. Velma L. Deason, St. Paul, Minn.

Links between Pennsylvania and North Carolina. Newspaper article, March 19, 1936. Given by Miss Mary J. Heitman, Mocksville.

2 charts of Graffenried genealogy. Photostats. Given by C. Lang, Cologne, Germany.

North Carolina Tombstone Records. 1 typewritten volume. Given by Alexander Martin Chapter, D. A. R., through Mrs. J. S. Welborn, High Point.

4 typewritten pages, "Death Records of the Bethabara Moravian Congregation, Interments in the Bethabara, N. C., Graveyard, 1757." Given by Miss Adelaide L. Fries, Winston-Salem.

A list of names "translated from several loose sheets found in the first Church Book belonging to the Lutheran Congregation, St. Johns, near Concord, N. C." Given by Miss Adelaide F. Fries, Winston-Salem.

Genealogy of Adam and Eve to date. Mimeographed. Given by W. L. Greenslit, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Supplement to Kinfolks. A Genealogical and Biographical Record (1935). Printed. Given by Colonel William C. Harllee (the author), Dillon, S. C.

Register of Dates of Births of Living Females and their older deceased

sisters. Typewritten volume. Given by Colonel William C. Harllee, Dillon, S. C.

152 pages of typewritten miscellaneous genealogy from various chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution in North Carolina. Given by Mrs. Lily Doyle Dunlap, Ansonville.

Genealogy of the Cocke-Armistead-Wheadon-Gill families, North Carolina Bible Records by North Carolina Society D. A. R., early North Carolina deeds, land grants, and abstracts of wills; abstracts of early wills of Stanly County, North Carolina. Other early unpublished records; Hope Moravian Church records, Forsyth County; interments in Salem Moravian graveyard, Winston-Salem; tombstone records from Anson and Stanly counties; N. C. Tombstone Records Books A and B. Typewritten. Given by North Carolina Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. J. S. Welborn, State Chairman, High Point.

II. New Collections.

1. *Personal Papers:*

Alonzo T. and Millard Mial Papers. 2,408 manuscripts, letters, accounts, broadsides, leaflets, currency, and bonds, 1852-1897, and undated; 7 memorandum books; 2 wallets; 2 maps; 4 books; 32 pamphlets; 7 account books, 1830-1897; 18 newspapers; miscellaneous circulars. Given by Carl L. Williamson, Raleigh.

Walter F. Woodard Collection. 1 letter, 1918. Given by Mrs. Walter F. Woodard, Wilson.

Richard D. White Collection, 1751-1929, and undated. 575 letters, deeds, accounts, and newspaper clippings; 1 map; broadsides, leaflets, pamphlets; 1 arithmetic book; 2 account books. Given by Richard D. White, Baltimore.

Mrs. L. E. Lansdell Papers, 1850-1877. 69 letters, 1 receipt book. Loaned by Mrs. L. E. Lansdell, Semora, N. C., through Richard D. White, Baltimore.

Lambeth Papers. 234 letters and accounts; 1 day book, 1 ledger, 1851-1860. Given by Mrs. E. E. Lambeth, Sanford, Route 5, through Richard D. White, Baltimore.

Mrs. Benjamin R. Lacy Papers. 1 letter, 1893; 1 pamphlet. Given by Mrs. Benjamin R. Lacy, Raleigh.

W. O. Wooten Collection. Copy of a "Tribute of Respect" to H. H. Thomas, Member of Wm. G. Hill Lodge, No. 218, A. F. & A. M. 1876; 1 deed, 1847. Given by W. O. Wooten, Kinston.

James Herring Collection, 1764-1917. 466 papers, including letters, wills, administrators' accounts, miscellaneous receipts, accounts, deeds, broadside, leaflets, note books, and wallets. Given by Miss Sybil Hyatt, Kinston.

Mrs. A. B. Hunter Collection. Miscellaneous letters, leaflets, pamphets, reports on work done at St. Augustine School, photographs, pictures taken from magazines, 28 copies of *St. Augustine Record*, 1924-1936. Given by Mrs. A. B. Hunter, Raleigh.

Charles Francis Jenkins Papers, 1786-1808. 3 manuscripts. Given by Charles Francis Jenkins, Philadelphia.

J. W. Atkins Collection, 1837-1896. 17 pamphlets. Given by J. W. Atkins, Gastonia.

Chas. A. Anderton Papers. 4 manuscripts; 1 letter; 3 Civil War papers, 1861-64. Given by Chas. A. Anderton, Baltimore.

Robert L. Adams Collection. 1 journal of William Maclean, 1811. Loaned by Robert L. Adams, Gastonia.

Raleigh Banking and Trust Company Papers. 95 manuscripts, letters, deeds, plats, specifications; 16 maps and plans, 1831-1928, and undated. Given by Lawrence Blanchard, Raleigh.

Lachland MacNeill Papers. 2 letters from Lachland MacNeill, 1784, 1785. Purchased from Gavin H. Dortch, Raleigh.

Mrs. M. S. Griggs Papers, 1831-61. 2 books; 3 manuscript bills of sale and accounts of estates, 1845-1861. Given by Mrs. M. S. Griggs, Maple, through Richard D. White, Baltimore.

Stuart Hill Collection. 4 typewritten volumes. Genealogies of various families, 1 copy of *Americana*, third quarter, 1932. Given by Stuart H. Hill, Elmira, N. Y.

Thad P. Hall Collection, 1856-1900. 21 account books. Loaned by Mrs. B. N. Bray, Coinjock, through Richard D. White, Baltimore.

Calvin J. Cowles Papers, 1824-1885. 3,094 papers, chiefly business and personal correspondence. Given by Mrs. Calvin J. Cowles, Wilkesboro.

J. P. Clark Papers, 1859-1862, and undated. 19 letters. Given by J. P. Clark, Pantego.

Badgett Papers. 402 letters, accounts, and receipts, 1772-1889; 1 leaflet; 1 memorandum book. Given by Mrs. Van Daniel, Route 1, Ruffin, through Richard D. White, Baltimore.

2. *Diaries:*

Copy of diary and poems of Captain George Burgwin Johnston, Company G, 28th North Carolina Volunteers. Given by Mrs. John Huske Anderson, Raleigh.

Diary of Adolphus R. Pitcher, Warren L. I. Guards, Camp Ellis, Raleigh, and Camp Carolina, Norfolk, Virginia, 1861. Purchased from E. L. Coon, Columbia, S. C.

Diary of Dr. J. F. Shaffner, Sr., commencing September 13, 1863, ending February 5, 1865. Transcribed by his daughter, C. L. Shaffner, 1936. Printed. Given by Miss Adelaide L. Fries, Winston-Salem.

3. *Account Books:*

Wm. Smith and Company, 1869-72. Loaned by Mrs. N. R. Claytor, Milton, through Richard D. White, Baltimore.

4 account books, 1771-1856. Purchased from Samuel Wheeler Worthington, Wilson.

4. *Miscellaneous:*

2 copies of *Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee. From A. L. 5804, A. D. 1904, to 5804, A. D. 1840.* (Oxford: Orphan Asylum Press. 1909.) Printed. *Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina. One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Communication. At Raleigh, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 14, 15, and 16, 1902.* (Oxford: Oxford Orphan Asylum. No date.) Printed.

1 letter from Thomas Blount, 1791. Loaned by Mrs. N. R. Bryan, New Bern.

581 pamphlets, church minutes of various denominations; 7 stamped envelopes; 9 newspapers and 3 books. Purchased from H. V. Burden, Windsor.

Typewritten copy of an autographed document of Lieutenant Colonel Henry Dixon. Written during the Revolution. Given by N. McKay Bryan, Nashville, Tennessee.

1 letter from Robert Carter, 1848. Given by W. C. T. Carter, High Point.

1 letter from James F. Jorden to W. F. B. Haynesworth, 1851. Purchased from E. L. Coon, Columbia, South Carolina.

1 poster. Texas Centennial Exposition — North Carolina Honor Roll. Given by Mrs. D. L. Corbitt, Raleigh.

2 photographs of John Penn Historical Highway marker, erected January 10, 1936, at Stovall, North Carolina. Purchased from Dortt's Studio, Oxford.

Speech of Samuel F. Phillips, at Concord, Cabarrus County, July 4, 1870. Given by Gavin H. Dortch, Raleigh.

Typewritten address on Frederick Augustus Olds, 1935. Given by M. R. Dunnagan, Raleigh.

Our Lady's Orphan Boy, Nazareth, N. C., January 10, 1936, Vol. XVII, No. 4. Published by boys of the Catholic Orphanage, Nazareth. Contains address of William Gaston. Given by Miss Irma Deaton, Raleigh.

St. Paul's Vestry Minutes, 1701-76, Edenton. Loaned by Rev. R. B. Drane, through Miss Mary Pruden, Edenton.

A Survey of Research Materials in North Carolina Libraries. Typewritten. Given by R. B. Downs, Chapel Hill.

Address: "Whither Are We Drifting?" Mimeographed copy. Given by E. D. Erickson, Durham.

Kodak picture of group taken at Blue Ridge, 1935. Given by Miss Eleanor L. Fox, Guilford College.

Article on Hall of History. Given by Federal Writers' Project, North Carolina, District No. 3.

Some Sidelights of the Cape Fear Country. Typewritten volume. Given by Rev. Andrew J. Howell, Wilmington.

Smith's Quarto, or Second Book in Geography. A Concise and Practical System of Geography, . . . By Roswell C. Smith. (New York: Cady & Burgess, 600 John Street. 1848). Printed. Loaned by J. B. Hunter, Raleigh.

History of Surry County or Annals of Northwest North Carolina. Printed. No place; no publisher. 1935. Given by J. G. Hollingsworth, Mount Airy.

2 typewritten copies of Tennessee Census Reports, 1920. Given by Miss Martha Lou Houston, Washington, D. C.

46 typewritten pages of notes on early North Carolina churches, by William Peery. Given by Historical Records Survey, Raleigh.

Records of St. Peters Church, Catawba County, North Carolina. Photostat copy. Given by R. L. Hefner, Hickory.

Echoes from the House-Boat on the Styx. A typewritten play by Miss Meta Liles. Given by Miss Meta Liles, Boone.

Pamphlets:

"Our Legacy" a tribute to George Fox and William Edmundson, by Josephine Rhoades Davis, 1929. 2 copies. A history play written for the Edmundson-Fox Memorial, Hertford, July 11, 1929. Printed. No place. No publisher. No date. Given by Miss Laura D. Worth, Guilford College.

The Shorter Catechism of the Westminster Assembly, with Proofs from the Scriptures. Revised and Collated by the Presbyterian Board of Publication. (Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication. [1885].) Printed. Given by Mrs. William Shaw West, Raleigh.

Letter to the Pupils on Leaving the New-York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb. By Harvey Prindle Peet, L.L.D., President of the Institution. (New York: James Egbert, Printer, 374 Pearl-Street. July, 1854.) Printed. Given by Mrs. William Shaw West, Raleigh.

An Address on the Revolutionary History of Chatham County, N. C., delivered at the Centennial Celebration at Pittsborough, N. C., on the Fourth Day of July, 1876. By Henry Armand London. (Sanford: Cole Printing Company. 1894.) Printed. Given by Henry M. London, Raleigh.

An Oration delivered in the Baptist Church at Kinston, N. C., Feb'y 20th, 1864, at a Masonic Demonstration in Honor of Col. I. E. Avery, . . . who fell at Gettysburg, Pa., July Second, 1863. . . . (Raleigh: "Confederate" Office Print. 1864.) Given by Mrs. Benjamin R. Lacy, Raleigh.

Asheville, North Carolina. Forty-Six Years in Asheville, 1889-1935. Reminiscences and Observations, by Charles A. Webb. [c. 1935.] Printed. Given by Charles A. Webb, Asheville.

Introducing Queen Charlotte to Her Namesake. (Charlotte: The Las-

siter Press. 1935.) Printed. Given by Mrs. H. C. Dwelle, Charlotte.

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A Study of the New Plan of Operation of the Consolidated University of North Carolina. 1936. Printed. Given by John Sprunt Hill, Durham.

Catalogue of the Faculty and Alumnae of Floral College together with the Students of the First Session of 1848, . . . (Fayetteville: E. G. Hale. 1848.) Printed. Loaned by Mrs. W. J. Cashwell, Whiteville.

Address before the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina, . . . April, 1850, by Thomas Cameron, M. D. Raleigh: Seaton Gales, Register Office. 1850.) Printed. Given by N. McK. Bryan, Hermitage, Tennessee.

Directory of the City of Raleigh, N. C., 1896-1897. (Raleigh: Raleigh Stationery Company. 1896.) Printed. Given by A. S. Brower, Raleigh.

Come to North Carolina for Recreational Scenic Interest, 1936. Printed. Given by the Department of Conservation and Development, Raleigh.

A Story of the Progress of the Kingdom through the Young Men's Christian Association of the Carolinas. March 28, 1936, by Heriot Clarkson. Printed. Given by Judge Heriot Clarkson, Raleigh.

DIVISION OF DOCUMENTS

I. CLASSIFICATION AND ARRANGEMENT.

The accessions listed in this report have been classified, arranged, and filed during the biennium. They comprise approximately 103 volumes and 8,439 letters and papers of persons and organizations; 87 volumes and 62 documents of county archives; 20 letters in the nature of state archives; 115 issues of newspapers; 815 pamphlets; 34 maps; and miscellaneous items.

II. CATALOGING.

Most of the current accessions have been catalogued, as well as 60 boxes and volumes of records from the Governor's office, 800 volumes and boxes from the office of the Secretary of State, with special catalog classifications for photographs, newspapers, maps, pamphlets, and broadsides found in the collections. The Farmers Union Collection consisting of 41 volumes and boxes has been catalogued. As an NYA project an alphabetized abstract of 225 boxes of marriage bonds from several counties has been made, and some of this has been re-checked and is now being copied. (See below, p. 26.) All newspapers and maps received during the biennium have been catalogued. A total of 75 boxes or approximately 800 pamphlets of church minutes have been card-catalogued and need only to be rechecked and put on the shelves.

III. Repair.

The Restorer of Manuscripts has prepared 10,434 sheets of manuscript for binding. Of these, 7,116 were mended with tissue paper, 525 were covered with crepeline, and 261 were reinforced on the back with heavy paper. Thirty-one volumes of these sheets were bound, and 24 volumes were made ready for binding. Ten maps were mounted on cloth, 6 were hinged, and 3 were mended at the edges.

IV. Binding.

The following volumes were bound or rebound during the biennium:

Governor's Office—List of Justices of the Peace, 1800-1810.
Governor's Office—Council Journal, August 1764-April 24, 1775.
Governor's Office—Lists of Justices and Militia Officers, 1782-1806.
Person County—Wills, Inventories, Sales of Estates, and Taxables, 1797-1801.
Ibid., 1801-1804.
Ibid., 1805-1807.
Ibid., 1807-1811.
Ibid., 1820-1823.
Ibid., 1831-1835.
Ibid., 1841-1844.
Revolutionary Army Accounts—Public Accounts, 1-6.
Index to Revolutionary Army Accounts. Miscellaneous. Volume III.
Revolutionary Army Accounts. Comptroller's Accounts. Book K.
North Carolina—Accounts of Certificates for Militia Pay for the District of Wilmington, N. C., from 11 July '83 to 19 March '84. Revolutionary Army Accounts, Book W, No. 2.
North Carolina—Amount of Claims Allowed by the Auditors of Wilmington District from 16 Oct. '81 to Aug. '83. Revolutionary Army Accounts, Book W, No. 1.
Revolutionary Army Accounts. Accounts of the Comptroller's Office, War of Revolution, 1777-1783. Book D.
Pensioners, 1802-1826.
Edgecombe County—Deeds, 1732-1741.
Orange County Court Minutes, 1787-1795.
Ibid., 1795-1800.
Ibid., 1800-1804.
Ibid., 1805-1809.
Ibid., 1810-1814.
Ibid., 1815-1818.
Ibid., 1818-1822.
Ibid., 1822-1826.
Ibid., 1826-1831.
Ibid., 1831-1835.
Negro Cohabitation Certificates, 1866-1868.
The North Carolina Historical and Genealogical Register, Volume I, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4; Volume II, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4; Volume III, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4.
S. A. Ashe, editor, *Biographical History of North Carolina*, Volumes I, III, IV, and VI.
Colonial Records of North Carolina, Volumes V, VIII, IX, and X.
State Records of North Carolina, Volumes XI, XII, XIII, XIV, XV, XVI, XVII, XIX, XXI, XXII, XXIII.
Colonial and State Records of North Carolina, Index, Volumes I, II, and III.

V. USE OF RECORDS.

During the biennium, visits to the offices of the Commission for the purpose of consulting the manuscript records of North Carolina history numbered 2,999. Of these, 2,265 were made by North Carolinians; and 735 were made by persons living in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, England, and Cuba. Of the total, 474 were graduate students and faculty members of various educational institutions, and others engaged in serious research. Among the colleges and universities from which graduate students and faculty members came were the following: University of North Carolina, Duke University, Wake Forest College, North Carolina State College, Salem College, Meredith College, St. Mary's School, Peace Institute, Louisburg College, University of Chicago, University of Michigan, University of Rochester, Teachers' College at Buffalo, New York, Vanderbilt University, and the University of Durham, England. Among the topics of research were: loyalism in North Carolina; bibliography of the history of labor in North Carolina; history of child labor in North Carolina; bibliographical history of North Carolina imprints to 1800; history of Louisburg College; the textile industry in North Carolina in 1860; history of the University of North Carolina; the secession movement in North Carolina; history of North Carolina vegetables; loyalism in South Carolina; women in the Southern colonies; French business activities in the American colonies during the American Revolution; the life of Henry Clay; the life of Abraham Lincoln; lists of the members of the Continental Congress; linguistic development in the South; Anglo-Spanish relations on the Carolina-Florida frontier; Southern women, 1783-1860; and the administration of James Buchanan.

A total of 854 certified copies from the records of the Commission, necessary for pension claims and for admission to patriotic societies, have been prepared and furnished without charge to North Carolinians and others. Of these, 301 were supplied to North Carolinians, and 553 to persons outside the State, as follows: Louisiana, 160; District of Columbia, 66; Tennessee, 51; South Carolina, 37; Georgia, 25; New York, 24; Mississippi, 21; Florida, 20; Indiana, 16; Illinois, 15; Virginia, 15; Texas, 14; West Virginia, 13; Arkansas, 12; Missouri, 11; California, 10; Kansas, 9; Alabama, 7; Michigan, 7; Arizona, 3; Kentucky,

3; New Jersey, 3; Colorado, 2; Oklahoma, 2; Pennsylvania, 2; Delaware, 1; Idaho, 1; Maryland, 1; Utah, 1; Czechoslovakia, 1. Research has been done by the staff to establish the eligibility of many Civil War and Revolutionary soldiers for gravestones which are supplied by the United States War Department.

The business of the Commission has required the writing of approximately 6,000 letters during the biennium. Necessary research for replies to questions of a general nature has been performed in many cases by members of the staff, but inquiries of a personal or genealogical character have been referred to independent researchers and genealogists, since it is neither feasible nor just that public funds should be expended for such private purposes.

PUBLICATIONS

Soon after its organization in 1903 the Historical Commission began to publish documentary materials on the history of North Carolina, and year by year has issued volumes and pamphlets which have been distributed throughout the State and nation. In addition, historical leaflets for use in the public schools and other pamphlets have been published, and in 1924 *The North Carolina Historical Review,* recognized as one of the finest historical journals in the entire country, was inaugurated.

During the recent depression the Commission was forced to suspend all except the most fundamental publications, and only with the beginning of the fiscal year 1935-36, the second fiscal year covered by this report, could the publication of documentary volumes be resumed.

I. Issued during the Biennium:

1. *Bulletin No. 37.* Fifteenth Biennial Report of the North Carolina Historical Commission, July 1, 1932-June 30, 1934. (Raleigh: 1934. Pp. 23.)
2. *The North Carolina Historical Review.* Volumes XI, Nos. 3-4; XII, Nos. 1-4; XIII, Nos. 1-2. (Raleigh: 1934-36. Pp. 181; 413; 182.) The eight issues of this quarterly magazine devoted to North Carolina history have contained 23 articles and 5 sections of documents, in addition to book reviews and historical news.

II. In Press.

The Papers of Randolph Abbott Shotwell. Edited by J. G. deR. Hamilton. Volume III.

III. In Preparation.

1. *The Archives and Public Manuscript Collections of North Carolina.* Edited by C. C. Crittenden and Dan Lacy. Volume I: *The County Records.*
2. *Ibid.,* Vol. II: *The State Records, Public Manuscript Collections, and Church Records.*
3. *History of the North Carolina Counties.* By D. L. Corbitt.
4. *Records of the Moravians in North Carolina.* Edited by Adelaide L. Fries. Volume V.

HISTORICAL MARKERS

One of the duties of the Historical Commission, as defined in Chapter 741, Public Laws of 1907, is to "care for the proper marking and preservation of battle-fields, houses, and other places celebrated in the history of the State." Ever since the passage of this act the Commission had engaged from time to time in marking historical sites, but during the 1934-36 biennium was able, in co-operation with other State departments, to undertake a more comprehensive program of this type than had ever before been attempted in North Carolina.

The Legislature in 1935 authorized the Highway and Public Works Commission to appropriate $5,000 a year during the 1935-37 biennium for the erection of historical markers along the State's highways. According to the law this fund, if appropriated, was to be expended jointly by the Department of Conservation and Development, the Historical Commission, and the Highway and Public Works Commission. The last mentioned agency, at a meeting in June, 1935, voted to appropriate the authorized amount.

The program was launched by the Executive Committee on Historical Markers, with the Secretary of the Historical Commission as chairman, and the Assistant Director of the Department of Conservation and Development as secretary. Other members of the committee were: Capus Waynick, Chairman of the Highway and Public Works Commission; R. Bruce Etheridge, Director of the Department of Conservation and Development; J. L. Horne, Jr., Editor of the Rocky Mount *Evening Telegram* and member of the Board of the Department of Conservation and Development; J. W. Harrelson, Dean of Administration of the State College of Agriculture and Engineering of the University of North Carolina and a member of the Board of the Department of Conservation and Development; A. R. Newsome, head of the Department of History of the University of North Carolina; H. T. Lefler and Cecil Johnson, of the same department; D. A. Lockmiller, of the Department of History of State College; W. K. Boyd and W. A. Mabry, of the Department of History of Duke University; F. W. Clonts and G. W. Paschal, of the Department of Social Science and the Department of Classics, respectively, of Wake Forest College; and J. W. Lingle, of the Department of History of Davidson College. In addition, an advisory committee was set up, including representatives from various patriotic and historical organizations.

After some delay the program was inaugurated. An aluminum marker similar to the type used in Virginia was approved,

42 inches broad and 36 inches high, with the State Seal in a scroll at the top centre. Each marker is double-faced, with black lettering on an aluminum-colored background, and is mounted on an iron pipe in a concrete base. The contract for the first fifty markers was let to the Salem Foundry and Machine Works, Incorporated, Salem, Virginia; and later an option was exercised with the same company for one hundred additional markers.

The following routine in connection with the program was developed: The Historical Commission conducted the necessary research, and, after the legends had been approved by the historians on the Executive Committee, sent them to the Department of Conservation and Development, which had them cast and erected—the last step in co-operation with the Highway and Public Works Commission. Travel and research in connection with the program was done mainly by the Collector for the Hall of History, who found it necessary to devote practically all her time to this work.

The first marker, pointing the way to the home of John Penn, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, was erected on January 10, 1936, in Stovall, Granville County. Others soon followed, and by the end of the biennium a total of 52 legends had been sent to the foundry, as follows:

BATTLE OF ALAMANCE, Alamance County.
INDIAN WOODS, Bertie County.
ORTON, Brunswick County.
STAMP ACT, Brunswick County.
RIVERSIDE CEMETERY, Buncombe County.
BIRTHPLACE OF ZEBULON B. VANCE, Buncombe County.
OCRACOKE INLET, Carteret County.
SPANISH ATTACK, Carteret County.
HQME OF JAMES IREDELL, Chowan County.
STORE OF JOSEPH HEWES, Chowan County.
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Chowan County.
KINGS MOUNTAIN BATTLEGROUND, Cleveland County.
GRAVE OF ABNER NASH, Craven County.
FIRST PRINTING PRESS IN NORTH CAROLINA, Craven County.
GRAVE OF RICHARD DOBBS SPAIGHT, Craven County.
STANLY HOME, Craven County.
"TRYON'S PALACE," Craven County.
HOME OF WILLIAM GASTON, Craven County.
OLD BLUFF CHURCH, Cumberland County.
U. S. ARSENAL, Cumberland County.
HOME OF JAMES C. DOBBIN, Cumberland County.
FIRST ENGLISH COLONIES, Dare County.
GREEN HILL PLACE, Franklin County.
SITE OF HOME OF JOHN PENN, Granville County.
HOUSE OF BIRTH OF CALVIN H. WILEY, Guilford County.
DAVID CALDWELL'S ACADEMY, Guilford County.
BATTLE OF GUILFORD COURTHOUSE, Guilford County.
HOME OF JOHN MOTLEY MOREHEAD, Guilford County.
BIRTHPLACE OF O. HENRY, Guilford County.
HALIFAX RESOLVES, Halifax County.
HOME OF WILLIAM R. DAVIE, Halifax County.
CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Henderson County.

FORT DOBBS, Iredell County.
BATTLE OF BENTONVILLE,: Johnston County.
BIRTHPLACE OF JAMES K. POLK, Mecklenburg County.
SITE OF HOME OF CORNELIUS HARNETT, New Hanover County.
OLD COURTHOUSE, New Hanover County.
GRAVE OF SAMUEL ASHE, New Hanover County.
ST. JAMES CHURCH, New Hanover County.
GRAVE OF THOMAS BURKE, Orange County.
BATTLE OF MOORE'S CREEK BRIDGE, Pender County.
SITE OF HOME OF GEORGE DURANT, Perquimans County.
HOUSE IN WHICH SIDNEY LANIER DIED, Polk County.
BIRTHPLACE AND GRAVE OF JOHN CHARLES McNEILL, Scotland County.
BIRTHPLACE OF ANDREW JOHNSON, Wake County.
CHRIST CHURCH RECTORY, Wake County.
DIX HILL, Wake County.
ISAAC HUNTER'S TAVERN, Wake County.
JOEL LANE HOUSE, Wake County.
STATE CAPITOL, Wake County.
GRAVE OF ANNIE CARTER LEE, Warren County.
HOME OF NATHANIEL MACON, Warren County.

STIMULATION OF HISTORICAL INTEREST AND INVESTIGATION

Within recent years there has been evident a tremendously increased interest in the history of North Carolina. Both at the University of North Carolina and at Duke University are graduate schools which rank among the best in the country and each institution possesses a strong department of history and a library rich in materials, both printed and unprinted, on the history of North Carolina and the South. For this increased interest in historical matters, the Historical Commission may rightly claim much of the credit. It was the pioneer organization in the State to build up a large and comprehensive collection of manuscript materials, and as the official repository of State and county archives it is the only organization which possesses these latter materials in any considerable quantities. By the distribution of its published volumes and pamphlets, through its quarterly magazine, *The North Carolina Historical Review*, through public addresses by the Secretary and other members of the staff, and through information released from time to time, the Commission has continued its efforts to keep the people of the State conscious of their history. The Secretary, moreover, has represented the Commission at meetings of several historical organizations, notably the annual session of the American Historical Association.

Among the most important means by which the Commission has stimulated historical interest and investigation are the various federal projects which it has sponsored. (See below: pp. 24-28.)

HALL OF HISTORY

One of the chief problems of the Hall of History has been changing personnel in the position of Collector. Colonel Fred A. Olds was forced by ill health to retire, effective July 31, 1934, and died on July 2, 1935. He was succeeded by Mr. Joseph Carlyle Sitterson, a graduate student in the University of North Carolina, who served from October 1, 1934, to August 31, 1935, when he resigned to become an instructor-graduate student in the University of North Carolina. Miss Mattie Erma Edwards, formerly a teacher in the Chapel Hill High School, with graduate training at Radcliffe College and the University of North Carolina (a master of arts from the latter institution), served as Collector, September 1, 1935, to February 9, 1936, but on the latter date was given a leave of absence to be Assistant Regional Director of the Survey of Federal Archives in North Carolina. (See below, pp. 26-27.) Miss Marybelle Delamar, a genealogist of Raleigh, was Acting Collector from February 10, 1936, to the end of the biennium.

Colonel Olds's retirement and subsequent death constituted a distinct loss to the Hall of History. In 1887 he had established the Hall of History in the old Agricultural Building, and subsequently for nearly fifty years had collected historical objects. Well known throughout the State, he was beloved by thousands of school children, whom he delighted to guide about the capital city. Since 1914 he had been a member of the staff of the Historical Commission. He conducted his work with rare enthusiasm and faithfulness, and succeeded in bringing together many thousands of articles illustrating North Carolina life from colonial days to the present. In the people of the State he aroused a strong interest in the preservation of historical source materials, as is perhaps best evidenced by the many voluntary loans and gifts made to the Hall of History since his death. The Historical Commission and the entire State lament the loss of Colonel Olds.

During the biennium large numbers of persons from North Carolina and other States visited the Hall of History. Particularly were the exhibits valuable in educating the crowds of school children who came from all parts of the State. No record was kept of the number of visitors, but the total certainly mounted into the tens of thousands.

Probably the most important accomplishment during the period was the classification and cataloguing of the vast collection of historical articles. A study was made of the cataloguing systems of other museums, and one suitable to the needs of the

Hall of History was evolved. With the assistance of two full-time workers from the Raleigh Art Project, the task had been practically completed by June 30, 1936.

The advice of artists and historians was sought on various problems, and in conformity with their recommendations several changes were made or contemplated. For example, an effort was made to avoid displaying side by side paintings and photographs or other dissimilar types of pictures, and displays were removed from the columns in both wings.

The following articles have been received:

Books:

Kiddle's *New Elementary Astronomy* (1871); Morman's *German Grammar* (1871); *Robinson's Geometry* (1861), presented by Mrs. G. H. Watson of Swan Quarter.

Currency:

Note for ten cents (Waynesborough, 1815) and five dollar bill, Continental currency (November 29, 1775), loaned by Mr. Gavin Dortch of Raleigh.

Documents:

Copy of a letter from Jefferson Davis to the Committee on the North Carolina Centennial Celebration, October 30, 1889, presented by Mrs. John H. Anderson.

Discharge of Captain William A. Overman from the Confederate Army, presented by Mrs. B. K. Van Wyck of Anderson, South Carolina.

Flags:

American flag on felt background, loaned by Mr. Gavin Dortch of Raleigh.

Heating Apparatus:

Foot warmer, formerly owned by Eustace Hunt of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, presented by Mrs. R. S. Phifer.

Household Furniture:

Grandfather clock owned by Thomas Grier of the Revolutionary period, loaned by Miss Jean McLean of Chapel Hill.

Indian Relics:

An Indian pipe, loaned by Mr. Gavin Dortch of Raleigh.

Industrial Implements:

Handmade sley, presented by Mrs. S. T. Henry of Spruce Pine.

Apple picker, presented by Mrs. F. W. Bicknell of Linville Falls.

Medals:

Silver medal made by H. Mahler of Raleigh for the first State Fair, held in 1853, loaned by F. W. Mahler of Raleigh.

Two gold medals presented to Miss Eliza Pool at the Philadelphia Sesqui-Centennial celebration in 1926, presented by Mrs. Thomas H. Briggs of Raleigh.

Miscellaneous:

Peacock feather fan, presented by Miss Lillian Dodd of Raleigh.

Token of Franklin Pierce's presidential campaign, 1852, purchased.

Pictures:

Daguerreotypes of General Stephen D. Ramseur and his wife and miniature of their daughter, Mary D. Ramseur, bequest of Miss Mary Dodson Ramseur.

Photograph of the children of Jefferson Davis taken in the late sixties, presented by Mr. John Collins Daws of Baltimore, Maryland.

Framed picture of the Confederate ram *Albemarle* and picture of Peter

E. Smith, designer of the *Albemarle*, presented by the State Museum, Raleigh.

Picture of the home built by John Agrippa Mitchner, presented by Miss Blanche Mitchner of Selma.

Picture of Dr. John Wesley Long, presented by Veterans of Base Hospital No. 65.

Pistols:

Two pistols said to have been the duelling pistols of Andrew Johnson, loaned by Mr. Gavin Dortch of Raleigh.

War Relics:

Old gun stock found at the spot where the blockade runner *Georgianna* ran aground and was burned during the siege of Fort Fisher, presented by W. B. Keziah of Southport.

Medicine kit of a surgeon in the Confederate Army, loaned by Mr. Gavin Dortch of Raleigh.

Harness buckle found on Crater Battlefield, presented by Miss Rosa Hammond of Petersburg, Virginia.

Wearing Apparel:

Lady's hat and man's high-top hat, presented by Mr. Richard D. White of Baltimore, Maryland.

Glove which belonged to Captain Henry Clay Albright's sweetheart and was in his coat pocket when he was mortally wounded near Petersburg, Virginia, September, 1864, presented by Miss Eleanor Louise Fox of Guilford College.

Pair of wooden shoe soles, loaned by Mr. Richard D. White of Baltimore, Maryland.

Bandana kerchief worn by Margaret Freeman, 1856, presented by Miss Clem Buchner of Asheville.

Coat worn by Captain William A. Overman of the Confederate Army, presented by Mrs. B. K. Van Wyck of Anderson, South Carolina.

Recommendations for the Hall of History are as follows:

1. Most important of all, more space is needed. The lack of cabinets and storage rooms makes impossible the effective display of valuable materials. Until this problem has been solved the Hall of History will not be able to make its potential contribution to the State.

2. Displays need to be arranged according to subjects and periods. The development of such special exhibits illustrating the State's social and economic life will be of interest and educational value. Material in storage needs also to be arranged in collections accessible to students.

PUBLIC RECORDS LEGISLATION

For a number of years the Historical Commission has been urging the enactment of legislation to provide for the proper care and preservation of public records. The Legislature in 1935 passed two important acts of this character:

1. Chapter 265, Public Laws, "An Act to Safeguard Public Records in North Carolina," defines public records, fixes the legal responsibility for their care, prohibits the destruction, sale, loan, or other disposition of public records, requires all public

officials to deliver all public records to their successors in office, requires legal custodians to demand their records from anyone having illegal possession of them, enjoins public officials to make their records available to the public and to keep them in fireproof safes or vaults, and empowers the North Carolina Historical Commission to examine into the condition of public records in the State and to give advice and assistance to public officials in the solution of their problems of preserving, filing, and making available the public records in their custody.

2. Chapter 300, Public Laws, "An Act to Protect the Property of Public Libraries and Other Agencies from Malicious Injury," makes it unlawful for any person to steal, disfigure, sell, buy, or receive any book, document, portrait, or object belonging to any public library or museum of the State or to any department or office of the State or any local government or to any library or museum belonging to any incorporated educational institution. The offense is a misdemeanor if the loss does not exceed $20, and a felony if it is in excess of $20.

FEDERAL RELIEF PROJECTS

A large portion of the time and energy of the Secretary and other members of the Commission's staff has been taken up with various Federal relief projects. Ever since its founding the Commission has been forced to forego various activities by which it might have rendered a real service. Records in various State and county offices have needed to be arranged, tombstone inscriptions have needed to be copied, indexes have needed to be prepared for various documents, historical research has been demanded on a great number of subjects—indeed there has been an almost unlimited amount of work of this type which might have been done had funds and workers been provided.

Under the relief program of the New Deal it was possible to undertake certain of these long desired activities. Through June 31, 1936, the Commission had sponsored projects involving the expenditure of over $60,000, a sum more than three times the Commission's total State appropriation for the fiscal year 1935-36. Since the major purpose of the Federal government was relief of the needy, there were certain limitations which sometimes hindered the work, but on the whole a great deal was accomplished and the Commission was glad to profit by such expenditures.

Federal relief activities of the Commission may be classified under five heads: (1) miscellaneous projects, (2) the Fort Raleigh restoration, (3) a National Youth Administration project,

(4) the Survey of Federal Archives, and (5) the Historical Records Survey.

(1) Miscellaneous projects. Relief workers from several sources performed a variety of tasks. Under the Emergency Relief Administration two workers indexed a few hundred marriage bonds. Under the Works Progress Administration two workers from the Federal Art Project spent several months cataloging materials in the Hall of History and typing cards for this catalog. One worker on the WPA Library Project assisted in indexing, copying, and performing various tasks of research. Members of the staff of the Federal Writers' Projects listed objects in the Hall of History, and wrote for the projected *American Guide* a description of this historical museum. With the assistance of these different workers, the Commission was able to undertake and complete a great many tasks which had gone undone for years.

(2) The Fort Raleigh restoration. The Fort Raleigh tract, comprising 16.45 acres, site of the first English settlement in America, had been purchased in 1896 by the Roanoke Colony Memorial Association, a group of patriotic North Carolinians who wished to see the spot preserved for posterity. While Federal relief funds were being spent the plan was evolved of erecting on the property a number of buildings, representing, although not exactly reproducing, those constructed by Sir Walter Raleigh's colonists in the 1580's. Undertaken chiefly through the efforts of Mr. Frank Stick, an architect of Elizabeth City, this work of restoration was carried on under the Civil Works Administration, the Emergency Relief Administration, and the Works Progress Administration. By June 30, 1936, a total of more than $25,000 had been expended, and it was expected that the work would be completed within a few months.

At the end of the biennium there had been erected around three sides of the property a palisade approximately eight feet tall. (On the fourth side is Albemarle Sound.) At the southeastern and southwestern angles of this palisade and on each side of the main gate were log blockhouses. In the middle of the southwestern side was the main entrance, approximately twenty feet broad, with log gates. Within the palisade a number of buildings, of simple log construction, with thatched roofs, had been completed or were nearly complete. There were a keeper's house, a keeper's booth, a church, two toilets, an engine house, a museum, and the fort proper. The fort, including an area some forty feet square, was surrounded by a palisade about ten feet high, and within was a house of guards.

On January 10, 1934, in order to obtain Federal funds for the

restoration, the Fort Raleigh tract was deeded to the Historical Commission. This immediately raised the problem of maintaining and caring for the area, and eventually the Commission voted to offer to deed it to the National Park Service, an organization admirably equipped to care for it. The offer was made on May 8, 1936, when the Secretary, along with Congressman Lindsay C. Warren, of the First North Carolina District, and Mr. R. Bruce Etheridge, Director of the State Department of Conservation and Development, appeared before the National Advisory Board of the National Park Service. The Park Service undertook an investigation of the history of the site before making a decision, and at the end of the biennium had taken no final action in the matter.

(3) A National Youth Administration project. The Historical Commission has in its archives, alphabetically arranged in boxes, most of the extant marriage bonds from the various counties of the State. By frequent handling they had become worn, so that obviously they could not continue to be constantly used for many years longer. From time to time certain members of the Commission's staff had indexed some of them, but at the beginning of 1936, of a total of 250,000 bonds, only 15,000 had been indexed. Early in 1936 the Commission secured a number of NYA workers, varying in number from week to week, but averaging about fifteen, to undertake to index all the remaining marriage bonds. The work was ably supervised by Mr. D. L. Corbitt of the staff of the Commission, and by June 30, 1936, these youths had prepared index cards for a total of 80,000 bonds. A total of 155,000 still remained to be indexed, but it was expected that funds for this purpose would be available and that the task would be completed during the next fiscal year.

After the index cards had been written, they had to be alphabetized and typed. A fortunate arrangement was made whereby the Genealogical Society of Utah would undertake the typing.

(4) The Survey of Federal Archives. A nation-wide WPA project for a survey of Federal Archives outside the District of Columbia was undertaken early in 1936, and Dr. P. M. Hamer, of the staff of the National Archives, was appointed National Director. On January 13, 1936, he appointed the Secretary of the Commission Regional Director for North Carolina, and on February 10, 1936 the Secretary appointed Miss Mattie Erma Edwards Assistant Regional Director. In order to undertake this task she was granted a leave of absence as Collector for the Hall of History.

The problem was complicated because of the fact that in North Carolina, a rural State with no large cities, Federal agen-

cies were scattered, but it was found possible to surmount this obstacle and others, and before long the work was proceeding satisfactorily. North Carolina was the first State to organize the Survey in all WPA districts. Forms were filled in by workers, checked by the district supervisor, re-checked by the Assistant Regional Director, and sent on to Washington. By June 30, 1935, the larger percentage of the field work had been completed, funds to continue the project were assured, and it was expected that it would be brought to a successful conclusion within two or three months.

(5) The Historical Records Survey. Most significant of all the Federal relief projects sponsored by the Historical Commission was the Historical Records Survey, a national project which undertook to list all State, county, and municipal records, together with public manuscript collections and other manuscript materials. North Carolina possesses a vast quantity of such historical materials, but no scientific inventory of them has ever been taken. The nearest thing to a complete list is the hasty and incomplete survey of the records of seventeen counties, prepared under the auspices of the American Historical Association between 1900 and 1904, and published in the *Annual Report* of that body for 1904.

Under the WPA a national project, the Historical Records Survey, was set up, and Dr. Luther H. Evans was appointed National Director. On December 19, 1935, Dr. Evans appointed Dr. Crittenden Assistant State Supervisor of the survey. (Mr. Edwin Bjorkman, Director of the Federal Writers' Projects in North Carolina, was nominally Supervisor of the Historical Records Survey, but actual supervision fell to the Assistant State Supervisor.) On January 3, 1936, Dr. Crittenden appointed Mr. Dan Lacy, instructor in history at the University of North Carolina, Executive Assistant.

Many unexpected difficulties were encountered in this survey and it was chiefly due to the great ability and tireless efforts of Mr. Lacy that the work could proceed. The actual listing of records was begun in February, and the quota of workers was rapidly filled, after which an average of approximately one hundred persons were kept on the payroll through June 30. By the end of the biennium field work had been completed in approximately seventy per cent of the State archives, eighty per cent of the county archives, and fifty per cent of the public manuscript collections. Only a beginning had been made in listing church records and the records of fraternal organizations.

In addition to the main accomplishments of the survey, there were important by-products. In numbers of State offices, county

courthouses, and public manuscript collections, materials had been classified and arranged. Assistance had been given toward the completion of the Bibliography of North Carolina State Publications, in preparation by Miss Mary L. Thornton of the University of North Carolina Library. The Historical Commission was receiving numbers of manuscript volumes from the county archives—for example, ninety-three Person County account books, chiefly mercantile, covering the greater part of the nineteenth century. In general the survey had aroused a great deal of interest throughout the State and undoubtedly had stimulated the desire to preserve and care for historical records.

By the end of the biennium a total of more than $23,000 had been expended on the Survey in North Carolina, and funds were available to continue the work. It was expected, however, that several more months would be required to complete the project. Plans were in the making for publication of the inventories, and it was hoped that the Historical Commission would undertake this task. In addition it was intended to prepare an index of tombstone inscriptions throughout the State.

ELECTION OF DR. CONNOR AS ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES

Probably the most significant national recognition which has yet come to the Historical Commission is the appointment by President Roosevelt of its former Secretary, Dr. Robert Diggs Wimberly Connor, as Archivist of the United States, effective October 10, 1934. Dr. Connor was Secretary of the Commission from its establishment in 1903 until his resignation in 1921, and did more than anyone else to establish that institution on a high level of efficiency and to win for it wide recognition. The appointment is a tribute both to Dr. Connor and to the Commission.

FINANCES

The expenditures of the Historical Commission are made from biennial legislative appropriations, as allowed quarterly by the Budget Bureau. The following classified table shows the appropriations and expenditures for each year of the biennium, 1934-1936:

	1934-1935		1935-1936	
	Appropriation	Expenditures	Appropriation	Expenditures
Salaries and Wages	$ 9,560	$ 9,560	$12,555	$12,500
Supplies	110	77	214	214
Postage, Telegrams, Telephone, Express, Drayage	285	259	285	281
Travel	130	114	590	589
Printing and Binding	1,320	1,298	3,645	2,584
Repairs	25	12	25	22
General Expense	110	94	34	34
Insurance			200	200
Equipment	260	260	526	525
Additions and Betterments			2,000	
Totals	11,800	11,674	20,074	16,949
Less estimated receipts	485	375	250	332
Emergency and Contingency Fund			460	460
Total receipts			710	792
Net Expenditures from Appropriation	11,315	11,299	19,364	16,157

RECOMMENDATIONS

I. NEW QUARTERS.

The Historical Commission is greatly handicapped for lack of space, and cannot adequately function until larger quarters are provided.

A. *Archives Room.* The present archives room is full to overflowing, and the basement is filled with manuscripts which cannot be adequately arranged, classified, repaired, and catalogued until more space is provided. Probably the most vital single function of the Commission is the collection of manuscripts—and yet this activity is now almost paralyzed. An archives room providing at least 10,000 square feet of space is needed.

B. *Hall of History.* The thousands of pictures, portraits, flags, uniforms, guns, and relics, illustrating nearly every phase and period of North Carolina history, visited annually by tens of thousands of school children, citizens, and tourists, represent

the life work of the late Colonel Fred A. Olds. In the two rooms occupied at present there is space for the proper display of only a small portion of the material. The cases are overcrowded, and the exhibits violate most of the practices and principles of modern museum administration. To take care of the Hall of History there should be one or more large rooms, together with smaller rooms for special displays—a total of 10,000 square feet.

C. *Search Room.* The present Search Room consists of merely one office, and is pitifully inadequate. Every year thousands of historians, genealogists, and other research workers visit the offices of the Commission to make use of its records. It is exceedingly unfortunate that such persons, in many instances having come several hundred miles, should have to be crowded together, often almost on top of one another, in one small room. For an adequate search room at least 1,000 square feet are needed.

D. *Office Space.* As the Commission has expanded in its activities and as its collections have grown in size, its office space has become more and more inadequate. Its present offices are attractive in appearance, but are badly designed for the needs they must meet. Two thousand square feet are required for this purpose.

Thus a total of 23,000 square feet is needed. Moreover, since this space is to be used for a specialized purpose, it should be specially designed. The need of the Historical Commission is desperate. It must have more space if it is to perform the functions assigned to it by law and meet the needs of the people of North Carolina.

II. TRANSFER OF STATE AND COUNTY RECORDS TO HISTORICAL COMMISSION ARCHIVES.

Since its creation in 1903 the Commission has brought together large quantities of the archives of the various units of government in North Carolina, together with private manuscripts, so that it now has considerably more than 1,000,000 documents. This impressive quantity, however, constitutes only a small fraction of the total number of historical manuscripts which ought to be deposited in its archives. The Historical Records Survey (See above, pp. 27-28) has shown that there are vast quantities of non-current records, of the care of which the agencies of origin will be only too glad to be relieved. Before undertaking this vital and necessary activity, however, the Commission must have more space, as is indicated in Recommendation I, above.

III. New Members of Staff.

Two new employees are almost indispensable:

A. A Researcher-Highway Markers. Upon the Commission has devolved the necessary research for the historical-highway-marker program authorized by the Legislature in 1935. So far the task has been performed almost exclusively by the Collector for the Hall of History, but only to the neglect of her regular duties. A trained researcher for this purpose is needed.

B. A Cataloguer. For many years the Commission has been collecting manuscript materials more rapidly than they could be classified, cleaned, repaired, catalogued, and placed on the shelves. A cataloguer is required to make these back materials available and to keep up with current acquisitions.